

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A reticle set, comprising:

a first photomask having a circuit pattern provided with first and second openings provided adjacent to each other and sandwiching a first opaque portion, and a monitor mark provided ~~adjacent to~~ over an entire exposure area near the circuit pattern, the monitor mark provided at a corresponding position where another circuit pattern is configured to be printed on a semiconductor substrate in a later process; and

a second photomask having a trim pattern provided with a second opaque portion configured to cover the first opaque portion in an area occupied by the circuit pattern and an extending portion connected to one end of the first opaque portion, the second opaque portion further and configured to extend outside the area occupied by the circuit pattern when the second photomask is aligned with a pattern delineated on a substrate by the first photomask, the trim pattern provided so as not to overlap with the monitor mark.

2. (Original) The reticle set of claim 1, wherein phases of an exposure light transmitting through the first and second openings are shifted by 180 degrees from each other.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The reticle set of claim 1, wherein the monitor mark includes at least one of an exposure monitor mark configured to measure an exposure condition of the first photomask and an inspection monitor mark for ~~[[a]]~~ the first photomask.

5. (Currently amended) The reticle set of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 4, wherein the exposure monitor mark includes at least one of a dimension monitor mark configured to monitor a dimension of a transferred pattern on the substrate, an exposure dose monitor mark configured to monitor an exposure dose, and an alignment mark configured to monitor a displacement of the transferred pattern.

6. (Currently amended) The reticle set of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 4, wherein the inspection monitor mark includes at least one of a phase shift monitor mark configured to inspect a phase shift of a transmitting exposure light, a transmittance monitor mark configured to inspect transmittance of the exposure light, and a dimension monitor mark configured to inspect a dimension of a transferred pattern on the substrate.

7. (Currently amended) A method for designing a reticle set, comprising:
forming in a first photomask, a circuit pattern having first and second openings provided adjacent to each other and sandwiching a first opaque portion, and a monitor

mark adjacent to over an entire exposure area near where the circuit pattern is formed,
the monitor mark provided at a corresponding position where another circuit pattern is
configured to be printed on a semiconductor substrate in a later process; and

forming in a second photomask, a trim pattern having a second opaque portion
configured to cover the first opaque portion in an area occupied by the circuit pattern
and an extending portion connected to one end of the first opaque portion, the second
opaque portion further and configured to extend outside the area occupied by the circuit
pattern when the second photomask is aligned with a pattern delineated on a substrate
by the first photomask, the trim pattern being provided so as not to overlap with the
monitor mark.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the monitor mark
includes at least one of an exposure monitor mark configured to measure an exposure
condition of the first photomask and an inspection monitor mark for [[a]] the first
photomask.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the exposure
monitor mark includes at least one of a dimension monitor mark configured to monitor a
dimension of a transferred pattern on the substrate, an exposure [[a]] dose monitor
mark configured to monitor an exposure dose, and an alignment mark configured to
monitor a displacement of the transferred pattern.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the inspection monitor mark includes at least one of a phase shift monitor mark configured to inspect a phase shift of a transmitting exposure light, a transmittance monitor mark configured to inspect transmittance of the exposure light, and a dimension monitor mark configured to inspect a dimension of a transferred pattern on the substrate.

11. (Withdrawn) An exposure monitoring method, comprising:
delineating a wiring resist mask of a photoresist film by transferring a narrow line portion of a wiring of a circuit by a first exposure step;
delineating a monitor resist pattern of the photoresist film by transferring an exposure monitor mark configured to measure an exposure condition near the wiring resist mask at a position in an area where the wiring is to be delineated, the position being exposed by a second exposure step; and
measuring the exposure condition for the first exposure step by the monitor resist pattern.

12. (Withdrawn) The exposure monitoring method of claim 11 wherein the delineating of the monitor resist pattern includes development of the photoresist film.

13. (Withdrawn) The exposure monitoring method of claim 11, wherein the monitor resist pattern is a monitor resist latent image formed by exposing the photoresist film.

14. (Withdrawn) The exposure monitoring method of claim 11, wherein the exposure condition are measured from the monitor resist pattern formed by transferring

at least one of a dimension monitor mark configured to monitor a dimension of a transferred pattern, an exposure dose monitor mark configured to monitor an exposure dose, and an alignment mark configured to monitor a displacement of the transferred pattern.

15. (Withdrawn) An inspection method for a reticle set, comprising:
delineating a circuit pattern and an inspection monitor mark on a resist film coated on an opaque material film on a transparent substrate to form a resist mark;
etching the opaque material film by use of the resist mark to form a first photomask in which the circuit pattern has first and second openings provided adjacent to each other sandwiching a first opaque portion, and the inspection monitor mark provided adjacent to the circuit pattern; and

inspecting the first photomask by use of the inspection monitor mark.

16. (Withdrawn) The inspection method of claim 15, further comprising, placing the inspection monitor mark at such a position on the first photomask that an area where the inspection monitor mark is transferred on a substrate is exposed by a light through a second photomask.

17. (Withdrawn) The inspection method of claim 15, further comprising, performing the inspection of the first photomask using at least one of a phase shift monitor mark configured to inspect a phase shift of a transmitting exposure light, a transmittance monitor mark configured to inspect a transmittance of the exposure light, and a dimension monitor mark configured to inspect a dimension of a transferred pattern on a substrate.

18. (Withdrawn) A manufacturing method for a semiconductor device, comprising:

coating a first photoresist film on an underlying film on a semiconductor substrate;

transferring a circuit pattern having first and second openings provided adjacent to each other sandwiching a first opaque portion and a monitor mark adjacent to the circuit pattern onto the first photoresist film from a first photomask by a first exposure step so as to delineate a wiring resist mask and a monitor resist pattern;

selectively removing the underlying film by using the wiring resist mask and the monitor resist pattern as a mask so as to delineate a narrow line portion of a wiring of a circuit and a monitor underlying film;

coating a second photoresist film on the semiconductor substrate on which the narrow line portion and the monitor underlying film is formed;

delineating a trim resist mask by transferring a trim pattern from a second photomask onto the second photoresist film by a second exposure step, the trim pattern having a second opaque portion covering the first opaque portion in an area occupied by the circuit pattern, and an extending portion connected to one end of the first opaque portion and extending outside the area occupied by the circuit pattern;

and

delineating the wiring by selectively removing the monitor underlying film using the trim resist mask.

19. (Withdrawn) The manufacturing method of claim 18, further comprising:
measuring an exposure condition for the first exposure step by using the monitor resist pattern.

20. (Withdrawn) The manufacturing method of claim 19, wherein the exposure condition is measured from the monitor resist pattern including at least one of a dimension monitor mark configured to monitor a dimension of a transferred pattern on the semiconductor substrate, an exposure dose monitor mark configured to monitor an exposure dose, and an alignment mark configured to monitor a displacement of the transferred pattern.

21. (Withdrawn) A manufacturing method for a semiconductor device, comprising:

coating a photoresist film on a underlying film on a semiconductor substrate;
transferring a circuit pattern having first and second openings provided adjacent to each other sandwiching a first opaque portion and a monitor mark provided adjacent to the circuit pattern onto the photoresist film from a first photomask by a first exposure step so as to delineate a wiring resist latent image and a monitor resist latent image;
projecting a trim pattern by a second exposure step from a second photomask onto the photoresist film exposed by the first exposure step, the trim pattern having a second opaque portion covering the first opaque portion in an area occupied by the circuit pattern, and an extending portion connected to one end of the first opaque portion and extending outside the area occupied by the circuit pattern; and
delineating a wiring resist mask by a development process.

22. (Withdrawn) The manufacturing method of claim 21, further comprising:
measuring an exposure condition for the first exposure step by using the monitor
resist latent image.